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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2002, please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 1-80 were pending in this application. This amendment responds to the first Office Action, which identifies two patentably distinct species of the claimed invention, and requires election of a single species and identification of the claims readable thereon for prosecution on the merits.

In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant elects to prosecute the species of Figure 1. This election is made without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue coverage of any non-elected subject matter in divisional application(s). Claims 1-80 are believed to read on the elected species of Figure 1. Accordingly, claims 1-80 are currently pending in this application.

The elected claims are believed to be allowable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned. If the Examiner has any questions in connection with this paper, or otherwise if it